ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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—OF THE—

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THE HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, the 4th day of October, 1889, the HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION assembled in Twenth-fifth Annual Session at Camp Creek Baptist Church, in Cleburne county, Ala., at 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Lindsey. Text: 14th verse, 13th chapter Ephesians.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by T. J. Burton, the Clerk, the Moderator being absent.

On motion, Rev. F. Lindsey was elected, by acclamation, Moderator *pro tem.*

Devotional Exercises: After engaging in singing, A. Willingham led in prayer.

The letters from the churches were read by W. R. Barker and V. M. Thackerson.

The following Delegates present were enrolled.

Ai—T. J. Garner, J. C. Garner, T. A. Weathers.
Bethsaida—J. W. Walker.
Bethany—C. Taliaferro, F. Lindsey, Jas. Brown.
Beulah—G. M. Gladden, C. H. W. Cook.
Buchanan—No representation or letter.
Camp Creek—J. J. Burrow, W. C. Roberts, J. L. Roberts, J. M. Treadaway.
Cherry Grove—H. J. Goswick, Jas. Holden, M. Taylor.
Concord—S. S. Grizzard, J. R. Newell, W. H. Gentry.
Edwardsville—T. J. Burton, W. R. Barker, W. H. Howle.
Harmony Grove—W. K. Owen, N. T. Williamson.
Harmony—T. H. P. Thackerson, R. A. Thackerson, R. B. Brewster.
Hopewell—G. O. Kaylor, E. J. Kaylor.
Mt. Olive—John Crider, W. L. Thomas.
Mt. Bethel—J. W. Jones.
Mt. Zion—L. M. Sp ights, A. J. Farmer, L. P. Allen.
Mountain Creek—J. W. Rowe, N. J. Stephenson.
New Hope—J. B. Johnson, R. M. Chandler.
Providence—A. Willingham, R. Ray.
Poplar Springs—A. Trentham, M. V. Mize, J. W. Newman, W. J. Fincher, G. W Goggin.

Pleasant Hill—C. I. Allen, H. J. Speights.
Pine Grove—J. D. Walker, J. A. Brannan, Wm. Thrasher.
Pilgrims Rest—B. A Cheatwood, M. C. Hightower.
Shoal Creek—F. M. Coleman, H. C. Harden.
Salem—J. V. Harden.
Shiloh—W. T. Thompson, C. M. Isbel, H. C. McCormack.
Tallapoosa—J. C. Jackson, W. J. James, A. L. Jackson.

Election of Officers.

Elected by ballot: F. Lindsey, Moderator; T. J. Burton, Clerk and Treasurer.

Order of Business.

On motion, adopted first four items of "Order of Business" of last session, and appointed J. C. Jackson, W. R. Barker, J. R. Newell, F. Lindsey and T. J. Burton a committee to report order of business for remainder of session.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Received by letter and delegates: New Bethel Church, recently constituted in Cleburne county, Ala.; delegates, A. J. Smith, M. A. Parris.

Appointed Committee on Preaching as follows: S. S. Grizzard, A. Trentham, W. J. James, and the delegates from Camp Creek Church.

After engaging in singing, J. R. Newell led in prayer, then adjourned to 8:30 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Second Day's Session.

Association met at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

After engaging in singing, J. C. Garner led in prayer.

Report of Business Committee.

J. C. Jackson, Chairman, made report for business directory, which was unanimously adopted. (See directory.)

Invited visiting brethren of our order to seats. Received Elder D. S. Duffey.

Called for Correspondents. Received from Bethlehem Association, Alfred Ayres.

Appointed Committees.

On Missions—J. C. Jackson, J. R. Newell, C. Taliaferro, M. V. Mize, J. C. Garner.
On Sabbath Schools—W. L. Thomas, C. M. Isbell, H. J. Goswick, A. J. Farmer.
On Requests—J. J. Burrow, B. A. Cheatwood, H. C. McCormack, A. Willingham, G. O. Kaylor.
On Finance—W. R. Barker, A. L. Jackson, A. Trentham.
On Correspondents—W. J. James, J. C. Jackson, C. Taliaferro.

Appointed Correspondents.

To Bethlehem, Cave Springs, Carrollton, Arbacoochee and Boiling Spring Associations.
To the Alabama Baptist State Convention, J. C. Jackson, T. J. Burton, A. A. Hurst and J. C. Garner.
To the Georgia Baptist State Convention, J. C. Jackson and T. J. Burton.

Read Consitution and Decorum.

An amendment of Article 1 of the Rules of Decorum was offered, so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1: Each session shall be opened at the appropriate time with singing and

prayer, and an introductory sermon shall be preached at night of the first day's session. unless postponed by the body.

The amendment was tabled.

The 19th Article of the Rules of Decorum was amended by striking out the word "adopt" in said Article, and insert in place of, the word "approve."

Motions and Resolutions.

W. J. James offered resolution on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, T. J. Burton and C. Taliaferro were appointed to report resolution on the death of William Tolleson. (See Resolutions.)

On motion, appointed J. C. Jackson to preach introductory sermon of next session; C. Taliaferro alternate.

On motion, directed Clerk and Treasurer to send all the funds sent to this session by the churches for missions, and all that may be received during this session for missions, to W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, to be by him appropriated as he may think best, except such as has or may be specially directed by the donor.

On motion, directed the Preaching Committee to appoint a person to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m., on the subject of "Missions," after which a collection for missions to be taken up.

Adjourned for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. After singing, C. Taliaferro led in prayer.

Renewed call for correspondence. Received Elder L. R. Wood from Cave Spring Association.

W. R. Barker offered resolution to appoint times and places for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings in each district of this Association, which was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Ministers' and Deacons' Meetings.

First District, at Edwardsville Church, Friday before fourth Sabbath in February, 1890.

Second District, at Mt. Zion Church, Friday before the third Sabbath in May, 1890.

Third District, at Camp Creek Church, Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1890.

Suspended call for motions and resolutions and heard Reports of Committees, which were adopted. [See Reports of Committees.]

Next Session.

Agreed to hold next session of this Association at Providence Church, Haralson County, Ga., four miles south of Tallapoosa, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1890.

Minutes.

Directed Clerk to have 800 copies of the proceedings of this session printed and distributed among the churches, *pro rata* as per funds of each, and the Treasurer pay him balance of Minute fund for his services.

Read and revised roll of delegates.

Resumed call for motions and resolutions.

On motion, granted letters of dismission to Mountain Creek and New Hope churches.

On motion, reappointed T. J. Burton, W. R. Barker, A. A. Hurst, W. J. James and C. E. Head, Executive Committee.

Resolution was offered and adopted in regard to Buchanan Church. [See Resolutions.]

Resolution of thanks to Camp Creek Church and the citizens of the vicinity. Adopted. (See Resolutions.)

After engaging in singing, L. R. Wood led in prayer. Adjourned to 9 a. m. on Sabbath.

Sabbath Exercises.

At 9:30 o'clock a. m., C. Taliaferro preached. At 11 o'clock a. m., D. S. Duffey preached. Subject, "Missions." Text: 2nd verse: 2nd chapter Isaiah. After which a collection was taken for missions, amounting to $9.75.

Engaged in singing, and took the parting hand, and J. D. Walker led in prayer. Much interest was manifested. Again engaged in singing and C. Taliaferro led in prayer, and then the Association adjourned.

Devotional Exercises.

On Friday night, J. R. Newell, preached at the church-house, and A. Willingham at Howell's Chapel.

Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. J. C. Jackson preached at the stand.

Saturday night, A. Willingham preached at the church-house; J. C. Garner at Howells' Chapel; F. Lindsey at McGees' Chapel; B. A. Cheatwood, at McWhorters'.

Reports of Committees.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

From the information we have, the interest in Sabbath Schools seems to be small. However, some of our churches seem to be awake to their duty in this work. We earnestly request our brethren to go to work in this great cause. We recommend the use of Baptist literature in all of our Sabbath Schools.

W. L. Thomas, Chairman.

MISSIONS.

This subject is now agitating the Christian world. The enemies of Christ have been for nearly nineteen centuries opposing the great command, "Go, preach." His followers have been faithfully contending for, and using their influence and means for the spread of the Gospel. Judson, Cary, Moon, and many others, have sacrificed their all, even their homes and lives, to preach Christ to the benighted heathen. They felt the importance of obeying this Divine command; they felt it their duty to make the sacrifice, and leave the result with God. It is the command of our Savior, to "preach the Gospel to every creature." His Apostles did all they could to carry this command into effect; they required means to do this; through their efforts we received the Gospel. It has never reached any land without the aid of His followers and their means; it is our duty to do likewise. The Gospel has now reached almost every heathen land. Yet there are thousands who have not heard the good news. Now, shall we lie still at the close of this great battle and bear no part, or endure no sacrifice? It is our duty and privilege to aid in this warfare against heathenism—and leave the result with God. We urge the churches to adopt some system by which they can contribute something to aid in this cause; we urge the same upon individuals. It is God's plan that we send the Gospel to heathens. He will bless the effort.

We are glad to report that we have made considerable progress in this work, in our immediate bounds within the past few years. Also, that our progress as a denomination in foreign fields, through our various boards and agencies, is very flattering. We ask a careful perusal of our statistics on this subject, all this accomplished by the united efforts and means of the friends of the cause of missions.

We report amount sent up by churches for mission purposes, $77.82; collections on Sabbath (to add), $9.73. J. C. Jackson, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE.

We have received no funds since our last session. No report of destitutious in our bounds have been made to us. We have no work to report.

T. J. BURTON, Chairman.

TREASURER.

October, 1888—Received for Minutes	$31 55
October, 1888—Received for Missions	38 00
October, 1888—Received for Record Book	2 15
Total	$71 70
Credits—	
October, 1888—Paid for Minutes and distribution	$31 55
October, 1888—Paid W. B. Crumpton for missions	38 00
October, 1888—Paid for Record Book	1 75
Cash to balance	40
Total	$71 70

T. J. BURTON, Treasurer.

FINANCE.

Received from churches for Minutes	$27 38
Received from collections and donations for Minutes	1 55
Received from churches for missions	69 27
Received from churches for domestic missions	8 00
Received from churches for indigent ministers	55
Received from collections on Sabbath for missions	9 73
Total paid Treasurer	$116 48

W. R. BARKER, Chairman.

Resolutions.

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, That the cause of temperance is a laudable one. The evils of intemperance are gigantic and progressive. While its evils are numerous, we believe its votaries are decreasing; the cause of temperance should be maintained by us, but it should be done in a Christian manner; we should use our influence for it around the fireside, in the church and community. Our acts, walk and conversation should be in its support.

Our object should be to reach the unfortunates who are captured by the influence of intemperance, and to prevail upon the rising generation to espouse the cause of temperance; this we believe should be done by our influence as Christians—that our posterity may call us blessed.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Resolved, That this body do now appoint time and place for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings, in each district of this Association. All the Ministers and Deacons of this Association shall be members of, and compose said meeting, with such other brethren as they may admit. The objects of such meetings shall be for the advancement of the cause of Christ and of Baptist principles and doctrines.

WILLIAM TOLLESON.

This brother has fallen. He was about seventy-seven years of age at his death, which occurred in September 1889. He had been a Baptist about thirty years; he was unpretentious and unassuming, but always abounding strong in the faith he professed. He

died peacefully and left bright evidences of his acceptance, through the merits of Jesus, in whom he often expressed his faith in his last hours. Therefore

Resolved, That in his death this Association and the Baptist cause has lost a strong support.

BUCHANAN CHURCH.

WHEREAS, information has reached this body, that Buchanan Church, a member of this Association, has attempted by its own resolution to disband. We believe said church is in error in this, and that such acts are contrary to the teachings of the Scripture, and to Baptist usage and custom. Therefore

Resolved, That J. C. Jackson, C. Taliaferro, A. Willingham and W. J. James are requested to visit said church, and advise with them, and if necessary assist in the dissolution of said church according to Baptist usage and custom.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the friends of this community for their hospitality, kindness and welcome to us during this session.

Corresponding Letter.

THE HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, to the Associations with whom we correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN: Our present session has been characterized by harmony and a desire to promote the great Baptist cause. We cordially invite you to meet with us in our next session, to be held at Providence Church, Haralson County, Ga., four miles south of Tallapoosa, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1890.

Come, and be with us, and let us keep up this Christian correspondence.

Yours in Christ. W. J. JAMES, Chairman.

Minutes approved.

F. LINDSEY, MODERATOR.

T. J. BURTON, CLERK.

Churches by Districts.

FIRST.

Ai, Bethsaida, Concord, Edwardsville, Harmony Grove, Hopewell, Mt. Olive, Mt. Bethel, New Bethel, Pine Grove, Shoal Creek, Pilgrims' Rest.

SECOND.

Bethany, Buchanan, Beulah, Mt. Zion, Providence, Poplar Springs, Pleasant Hill, Tallapoosa.

THIRD.

Camp Creek, Cherry Grove, Harmony, Salem, Shiloh.

Treasurer's Account.

Received for Minutes	$28 93
Received for Missions	87 55
Cash on hand	40
Total	$116 88

CREDITS.

Paid for printing Minutes	$16 00
Paid Clerk for services	12 93
Paid W. B. Crumpton for missions	79 55
Paid Jackson, Lindsey, Willingham and Taliaferro	8 00
Cash to balance	40
Total	$116 88

Business Directory.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order; Singing and Prayer.
4. Call for Letters from Churches.
5. Read letters; enroll delegates present.
6. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Call for Petionary Letters.
2. Appoint Committens:
    1. On Preaching.
    2. On Missions.
    3. On Sabbath Schools.
    4. On Requests.
    5. On Finance.
    6. On Correspondence.
3. Invite Visiting Brethren of our order to seats, to be renewed at each sitting.
4. Recieve and welcome Correspondents; call to be renewed at each sitting.
5. Appoint Correspondents.
6. Hear and dispose of Reports of Committees.
7. Hear Motions and Resolutions.
8. Appoint time and place of next session.
9. Arrange for printing and distribution of Minutes.
10. Revise Roll of Delegates.
11. Read and Approve Minutes.
12. Adjourn.

Ordained Ministers.

Burrow, J. J., Oak Level, Ala.
Cheatwood, B. A., Edwardsville, Ala.
Crider, John, Zidonia, Ala.
Garner, T. J., Edwardsville, Ala.
Garner, J. C., Edwardsville, Ala.
Jackson, J. C., Tallapoosa, Ga.
Lindsey, F., Poplar Springs, Ga.
Mize, M. V., Poplar Springs, Ga.
Newell, J. R., Edwardsville, Ala.
Taliaferro, Charles, Tallapoosa, Ga.
Willingham, A., Tallapoosa, Ga.
Walker, J. D., Bells Mill, Ala.

Unordained Ministers.

Dodd, W. A., Kemps Creek, Ala.
Davidson, W. F.,
Hudgens, W. A., Oak Level, Ala.
Roberts, W. C., Oak Level, Ala.
Robertson, R., Newsville, Ga.
Rowe, B. P., Little Creek, Ga.
Thackerson, G. R., Esom Hill, Ga.
Thackerson, T. H. P., Esom Hill, Ga.
Willingham, M. J., Tallapoosa, Ga.

N. B. Clerks of churches are requested to give names of ministers and their address; also, pastors and clerks and their address let irenithters.—[Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	Sabbath of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiate	Baptized	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Sabbath Schools.	Paid for Missions.	Paid for Minutes.
Ai	Cleburne, Ala...	J. C. Garner	Edwardsville, Ala...	E. E. Myers, Bells Mill Ala	3	2	....	10	8	....	17	1	....	54	....	$ 3 55	$ 1 50
Bethsaida	Cleburne, Ala...	J. D. Walker	Bells Mill, Ala.	P. G. Coleman, Edwardsville, Ala.	2	....	....	5	4	....	3	1	...	30	1	3 00	50
Beulah	Cleburne, Ala...	John Crider	Zidonia, Ala	G. W. Lackey, Muscadine, Ala...	....	....	....	....	3	....	6	2	....	21	....	1 00	75
Bethany	Haralson, Ga ...	F. Lindsey	Poplar Spring, Ga...	R. H. Pittman	1	2	....	10	10	....	8	1	...	76	....	2 00	1 50
Buchanan	Haralson, Ga....				....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	....
Camp Creek	Cleburne, Ala...	D. S. Dulfey	Edwardsville, Ala...	J. A. Morris, Oak Level, Ala....	4	1	2	5	16	4	10	....	1	195	....	3 30	1 50
Cherry Grove	Cleburne, Ala...	J. C. Holden	Roekrun, Ala.	M. Taylor, Tecumseh, Ala	2	....	....	7	6	2	1	....	....	70	....	3 00	1 00
Concord	Cleburne, Ala...	F. Lindsey	Poplar Spring, Ga...	A. M. Turner, Kemps Creek, Ala.	2	1	2	14	4	1	2	2	....	93	...	5 00	1 50
Edwardsville	Cleburne, Ala...	W. J. Campbell ...	Chulafinne, Ala.. ..	W. R. Bakrer, Edwardsville, Ala.	4	....	....	....	....	...	2	....	1	49	....	5 00	1 40
Harmony Grove	Cleburne, Ala...	J. R. Newell	Edwardsville, Ala...	L. T. Dunn, Edwardsville, Ala....	1	....	....	4	....	....	4	....	1	38	....	1 00	1 00
Hopewell	Cleburne, Ala...	J. C. Garner	Edwardsville, Ala...	T. J. Johns, Hopewell, Ala	4	....	....	1	1	....	1	7	....	19	....	....	1 00
Harmony	Polk, Ga.	L. R. Wood	Cave Spring, Ga....	T.H.P.Thackerson, Esom Hill, Ga.	1	....	3	1	8	1	15	2	....	32	1	5 00	1 00
Mt. Olive	Cleburne, Ala...	J. R. Newell	Zidonia, Ala	W. L. Thomas, Zidonia, Ala	4	1	....	10	10	3	3	1	....	60	....	5 00	1 25
Mt. Bethel	Cleburne, Ala...	John Crider	Zidonia, Ala.		3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	....	1 00	50
Mountain Creek	Cleburne, Ala.	P. Woody	Felton, Ga.	B. P. Rowe, Little Creek, Ga	2	....	1	3	2	...	4	...	2	34	....	1 00	.....
Mt. Zion	Haralson, Ga....	A. Wellingham	Tallapoosa, Ga	J. R. Ballew	3	1	....	17	14	1	....	1	....	77	....	8 00	1 00
New Hope	Haralson, Ga....	P. Woody	Felton, Ga.	R. M. Chandler, Beecham, Ala....	1	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	16	....	....	....
New Bethel	Cleburne, Ala...	S. L. Crop	White Plains, Ala...	J. A. Smith, Edwardsville, Ala.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	30	50
Pine Grove	Cleburne, Ala...	J. D. Walker	Bells Mill, Ala.	D. S. Johnson	...	....	....	....	6	....	9	1	....	73	....	5 00	1 50
Pilgrims Rest	Cleburne, Ala...	B. A. Cheatwood		William Harper	....	1	1	2	4	....	2	1	....	35	....	1 00	75
Providence	Haralson, Ga....	A. Willingham	Tallapoosa, Ga.	J. M. Donson, Tallapoosa, Ga....	4	1	1	18	....	1	2	1	....	87	....	4 00	1 50
Poplar Springs	Haralson, Ga....	W. P. Whitton	Felton, Ga.	A. Trentham	3	1	....	2	4	....	7	....	2	161	....	1 00	1 50
Pleasant Hill	Haralson, Ga....	A. Willingham	Tallapoosa, Ga.	R. Robertson, Newsville, Ga.	2	....	1	...	2	....	8	...	...	39	....	1 50	75
Shiloh	Polk, Ga.	J. S. Reynolds	Kennesaw, Ga.	W. T. Thompson, Cedartown, Ga.	3	....	....	15	14	1	10	2	6	152	....	5 00	1 50
Salem	Cherokee, Ala...	J. C. Holden		C. C. Garner	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	3	....	50	....	1 00	1 25
Shoal Creek	Cleburne, Ala...	J. R. Newell	Edwardsville, Ala...	W. M. Johnson, Shoal Creek, Ala.	3	....	....	7	....	....	5	....	....	44	....	2 00	1 00
Tallapoosa	Haralson, Ga....	W. W. Roop	Carrollton, Ga... ...	A. L. Jackson, Tallapoosa, Ga....	2	1	....	3	15	2	13	....	2	99	1	10 17	1 73
Totals						12	11	134	131	17	155	26	15	1650	3	$77 82	$27 38

Collections on Sabbath for Missions, $9.73.

Mt. Zion Church directed the $8.00 paid by her for missions to be paid to Elders J. C. Jackson, F. Lindsey, A. Willingham and C. Taliaferro.

Ai Church directed 55 cents of her missions to be paid to support of indigent ministers.